

**MINUTES**

**CITY OF NEW ROADS CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING**

**May 3, 2022**

The New Roads City Council met in regular session at 5:30 o'clock P.M. Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at the City Hall in New Roads, Louisiana. Mayor Cornell Dukes called the meeting to order. A roll call resulted as follows:

**PRESENT:** Vernell Davis, Kurt Kellerman, Joy Nelson, Theron Smith and Kirk White

**ABSENT:** None

Notice of this meeting was duly exercised and mailed per bylaws:

**Public comments on agenda items**

There were no public comments.

**Agenda Amendment**

Mayor Dukes proposed the following amendment to the agenda.

**Item 5A Mr. Gerald Humphries**

**Motion by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. White.**

**RESOLVED, That the agenda be amended.**

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

**YEAS:** Smith, Nelson, White, Kellerman, and Davis

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

On a vote of 5-0-0-0, the motion carried.

**Mr. Gerald Humphries**

Mr. Humphries appeared before the council to announce that observance of National Day of Prayer would be held on Thursday, May 4, 2022 at 12:00 noon at the courthouse. He also extended an invitation to a "Call to Prayer" at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church on Thursday, June 2, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

**Consent Calendar – Approval of Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of April 19, 2022**

The minutes of the Regular Council meeting of April 19, 2022 were submitted for approval.

The reading of the minutes was waived.

**Motion by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Smith.**

**RESOLVED, That the minutes be adopted in their entirety.**

The motion was unanimously carried.

**Public Hearing – Planning & Zoning Commission – Property located at 514 Joyce Street**

Arthur Ewing reported that the Planning & Zoning Commission conducted a meeting on May 2, 2022 to discuss the aforementioned application.

He stated that there was no negative feedback or opposition to the move and recommended approval of the application.

Motion by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Smith.

**RESOLVED**, That the application be approved.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

**YEAS:** Smith, Nelson, White, Kellerman, and Davis  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

On a vote of 5-0-0-0, the motion carried.

**Introduction of Ordinance relative to Redistricting**

An ordinance to provide that there shall be five (5) council members representing two (2) voting districts, each represented by two (2) council members and one (1) council member at-large and to establish and provide for boundaries of the two (2) voting districts.

Motion by Ms. Nelson and Mr. Davis.

**RESOLVED**, That the ordinance be introduced.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

**YEAS:** Smith, Nelson, White, Kellerman, and Davis  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

On a vote of 5-0-0-0, the motion carried.

**Board, Committee and Commission Appointments/Re-Appointments**

Mayor Dukes called for the re-appointment of Mr. Alvin Verrette and the appointments of Brent Labatut and James Dodds to the Historic District Commission

Motion by Mr. Kellerman and seconded by Mr. White.

**RESOLVED**, That the reappointment/appointments be approved.

The motion was unanimously approved.

**Ms. Shevella Carter – Did you Know or Do You Know**

Ms. Carter appeared before the council to address her concerns regarding the need to examine ordinances relative to implementation, enforcement, review, revisions, amendments, errors and/or terminations; Community health and welfare, and city police, city government as related to oaths of allegiance to the people that are served.

She requested the initiation of a review and examination of ordinances related to noise pollution, disturbance of peace, residential dwellings and positive initiatives.

**Discussion of Evans-Graves contract (T. Smith)**

Mr. Smith questioned why the above referenced contract was signed without council review and approval.

Mayor Dukes stated that due to the absence of the city attorney, the discussion would be tabled until the next meeting.

**Committee Reports**

There were no committee reports.

**Council Reports**

Ms. Nelson wished all teachers a “Happy Teacher Appreciation Week” and offered condolences to the family of Mr. Michael Lucia.

Everyone was reminded to attend the triathlon and the Pop Up Shop and informed that the riverboat tours are becoming more frequent.

**Mayor’s Report**

Mayor Dukes reported that Faulk & Winkler would present a financial report at the next meeting. He asked the council to place items for discussion on the agenda. Lastly, he thanked KADN and WAFB for announcing upcoming city events.

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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**Cornell Dukes**  
**Mayor**

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**Lynette H. Nelson**  
**Secretary-Treasurer**